

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CENTRAL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND
THE CENTRAL REGIONAL
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

X JULY 1, 1987 - JUNE 30, 1989

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement is entered into this first day of July 1, 1987 by and between the Board of Education of the Central Regional School District of the County of Ocean, and the State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the "Board" and the Central Regional Administrative Office Personnel Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association."

RECOGNITION

The Board of Education hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive and sole representative for collective negotiations concerning the terms and conditions of employment for those Administrative Office Personnel employed by the Board of Education. Administrative Office Personnel shall include all those employed in the Superintendent's office and Board of Education office.

HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL COVERAGE

1. The Board shall provide, with no expense to the employee, participation in the Hospital Service Plan of New Jersey for full family coverage (extended coverage for dependents until age 23), including Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Rider J Major Medical under the PACE Series, optical, Connecticut General Prescription Plan - \$2.00 co-pay, and Connecticut General Dental with orthodontic.
Employees covered under this Agreement shall receive medical insurance benefits afforded to the Central Regional Teachers' Association.
2. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict the Board in making sole determination of the carrier(s) provided it can demonstrate to the Association that any change in carrier(s) results in no reduction in benefits and services.

OFFICE PERSONNEL HOURS

1. The work day shall consist of eight (8) hours including a sixty (60) minute lunch hour and a thirty (30) minute break.
2. Summer work hours shall commence two (2) days after the close of school in June and terminate five (5) days before the opening of school in September. The hours shall be a total of seven (7) hours including a fifteen (15) minute break and a thirty (30) minute lunch.
3. Vacation Schedule - Vacation eligibility shall be determined as of February 1 of each year. Vacation times shall be subject to the approval of immediate Supervisor. In the event of a conflict, seniority will prevail. Employees shall be eligible for vacations on the following basis:
 - Twelve (12) month employment:
 - A. Minimum six (6) months employment - one (1) week vacation.
 - B. 1-3 years employment - two (2) weeks vacation.
 - C. 4-9 years employment - three (3) weeks vacation.
 - D. 10 years and beyond - four (4) weeks vacation.
4. On those days when school(s) are not in session on account of inclement weather, office personnel shall make every reasonable effort to report to work if and when possible.
5. Office personnel shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half for all work beyond her/his normal work day.
6. Holiday Work Schedule

The Superintendent shall have the right to call employees into work during the Christmas recess and Easter recess. Implementation of the holiday work schedule is contingent upon having a Supervisor present in the Administrative offices.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Definitions

1. A "grievance" shall mean a complaint by employee(s) or representative(s) of employee(s) arising out of an alleged misapplication, misinterpretation or violation of the terms of this Agreement or administrative decisions or practices rendered thereunder.
2. An "aggrieved person" is the person/persons or the Association making the claim.
3. A "party in interest" is the person or persons making the claim and any person who might be required to take action or against whom action might be taken in order to resolve the claim.

B. Purpose

1. The purpose of this procedure is to secure at the lowest possible level, solutions to the grievances which may from time to time arise. Both parties agree that these proceedings will be kept as informal and confidential as may be appropriate at any level of the procedure.
2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting the right of any employee having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with any appropriate member of the Administration, and having the grievance adjusted without intervention of the Association, provided the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.

C. Procedure

1. Since it is important that grievances be processed as rapidly as possible, the number of days indicated at each level is considered as a maximum and every effort shall be made to expedite the process. The time limits specified may, however, be extended by mutual agreement.
2. A grievance to be considered under this procedure must be initiated in writing by the employee within thirty (30) school days of the occurrence of the actual happening which gives rise to the grievance.

3. Level One

When a grievance occurs, personnel covered by this Agreement shall file a written notice of said grievance with the appropriate Supervisor, either directly or through the Association's designated representative. Within six (6) school days of receipt of said written notice of grievance, the Supervisor shall consider said grievance and shall issue a written opinion.

4. Level Two

- a. If the aggrieved person(s) is not satisfied with the opinion issued by the Supervisor, the Association may, within forty-five (45) school days after receipt of the opinion issued at Level One, refer the written grievance to the Superintendent of Schools, who shall hold a hearing. Such demand for a hearing shall be in writing and shall include all available relevant evidence in support thereof.
- b. Within six (6) school days after receipt of the position of the Association, the Superintendent of Schools shall schedule and hold a hearing for the purpose of allowing the Association to submit appropriate evidence.
- c. Within six (6) school days after the conclusion of the hearing, the Superintendent of Schools shall issue a decision, in writing, setting forth his findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions on the issues submitted to him.

5. Level Three

- a. If the decision rendered by the Superintendent is adverse to the aggrieved, the Association may, within six (6) school days after the Superintendent has rendered such adverse decision, or within ten (10) school days after the position of the Association was received by the Superintendent, appeal, in writing, to the Board.
- b. The Board shall consider the appeal and may, within ten (10) school days after receipt of such appeal, hold a hearing. If a hearing is held, the Board shall issue a decision, in writing, within ten (10) school days after the conclusion of such hearing or next scheduled Board meeting but not to exceed fifteen (15) days.

- c. If the Board determines that hearing is not warranted or necessary, it shall nevertheless, issue a decision, in writing, within ten (10) school days after the receipt of the appeal from the Association.
- d. Such appeal shall, in all cases, be confined solely to the issue or issues and evidence submitted in support thereof to the Superintendent and shall provide the specific basis of disagreement and evidence in support thereof.
- e. If new evidence is obtained in support of such grievance after the hearing at Level Three, the Association shall notify the Superintendent, in writing, at which time the grievance shall return to Level Three. It is understood that no penalty shall accrue to the Association because of the failure of any administrative officer to render information properly requested by the Association and which the Association is entitled to receive.
- f. The decision of the Board of Education is final.

D. Rights of Employees to Representation

- 1. Any aggrieved person may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by himself/herself, or any person of his own choosing, including a representative selected or approved by the Association. When an employee is not represented by the Association, the Association shall have the right to be present and to state its views at all stages of the grievance procedure.
- 2. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by either party to this Agreement or the Administration against any party in interest, any administrator, any member of the Association or any other participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.

E. Miscellaneous

1. If, in the judgment of the Association, a grievance affects a group, the Association may submit such grievance in writing to the Superintendent directly and the processing of such grievance shall be commenced at Level Two. The Association may process a grievance despite an intention of abandonment by a specifically aggrieved person.
2. Forms for filing grievances, serving notices, making reports and recommendations, and other necessary documents shall be prepared jointly by the Superintendent and the Association, with Board approval, and given appropriate distribution so as to facilitate operation of the grievance procedure.
3. All meetings and hearings under this procedure shall not be conducted in public and shall include only such parties in interest and their designated or selected representatives.
4. Notwithstanding the pendency of any grievance, all personnel covered by this Agreement shall continue to perform all duties and assignments.
5. Failure by the aggrieved or the Association to process a grievance in accordance with the time schedule as set forth in this Article shall constitute an abandonment of the grievance and render it null and void. Any waiver of this provision must be in writing and acknowledged by both parties.
6. The Association agrees to process all grievances solely through the grievance procedure.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. Sick Leave

- A. Secretaries employed on a twelve (12) month basis shall be awarded twelve (12) days sick leave credit for the year to be added to previously accumulated sick leave while in the employ of the Board with no maximum limit. Sick leave is hereby defined in accordance with applicable provisions of N.J.S.A. Title 18A.
- B. Secretaries who are absent due to personal disability as a result of illness or injury shall be entitled to full pay for each of such absences up to the number of days accumulated.

2. Death in the Immediate Family

- A. All full-time secretaries shall be allowed up to five (5) days, without loss of pay, at the time of death in the immediate family. The immediate family shall include father, mother, spouse, child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, or a relative living as a member of the immediate household.
- B. Up to two (2) days absence, without loss of pay, shall be allowed all full-time secretaries at the time of death of grandparent.

3. Personal Business

- A. Three (3) days shall be allowed each year for personal business that cannot be conducted outside of school hours. Personal days must be approved in advance by the Superintendent. Personal business shall include observance of religious holidays, court subpoena, marriage in the immediate family, personal business that can only be conducted during school hours or emergencies not included in the above. Association members not wishing their reasons to be known will have the right to disclose the reasons directly to the Superintendent for his consideration.
- B. No personal days will be permitted on the day immediately preceding and the day immediately following school calendar holidays. Extreme cases will be excepted, providing the request is specific and/or emergent in nature and may be granted only with the direct and express approval of the Superintendent.
- C. Any unused personal days will be converted to one (1) sick leave day and added to the employee's sick leave account at the beginning of the next contract year.

EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. Anticipated Disability Leave

- A. Any employee who anticipates undergoing a state of disability such as, but not limited to: surgery, hospital confinement, medical treatment, pregnancy, etc., may apply for a leave of absence based upon anticipated disability in accordance with provisions hereinafter set forth, in which instance such leave of absence may be chargeable to the sick leave account of said employee. All employees covered by this Agreement anticipating a state of disability shall notify the Superintendent through their immediate supervisor of the condition expected to result in disability as soon as the condition which may result in disability is known or within a reasonable time thereafter. Failure to give notification as prescribed may result in loss of child rearing leave privileges. A conference between the employee so affected and the Superintendent/Supervisor shall take place within sixty (60) days of said notification for the purpose of discussing specific dates and arrangements pursuant thereto.
- B. Any employee who desires to continue in the performance of his/her duties during a period expected to lead to a state of disability shall be permitted to do so provided said employee produces a statement of his or her physician stating that said employee is physically capable of continuing to perform his/her duties and further stating up to what date, in the opinion of said physician, the employee is capable of performing said duties.
- C. In no event shall the Board be obligated to permit an employee anticipating a state of disability to continue in the performance of his/her duties where the performance of said employee has substantially declined from that performance demonstrated by said employee at the time immediately prior to the time when notification was given or should have been given of the state of anticipated disability.
- D. The employee requesting a leave under the provisions of this Section shall specify in writing the date on which he/she wishes to commence said leave and the date on which he/she wishes to return to employment following recovery from said disability.

Extended Leave of Absence Continued

- E. The Board shall have the right to require any employee who has been on a disability leave and who desires to return to his/her duties by a fixed date following recovery from disability to produce a certificate from his/her physician stating that he/she is capable of resuming his/her duties.
- F. An employee who has undergone hospital confinement shall be expected to resume his/her duties within a reasonable length of time.
- G. Where disability leaves have been approved, the commencement or termination dates thereof may be further extended or reduced for confirmed medical reasons upon application by the employee to the Board. All extensions of such leaves shall in any event be subject to the provisions of the NJSA Title 18A; 30-1 et. seq. and specifically NJSA 18A: 30-6 and 18A:30-7.
- H. Whenever, in the opinion of the Board, the dates of the commencement of an anticipated disability leave and/or the dates for the resumption of duties would substantially interfere with the administration of the school, the requested dates may be changed by the Board, if in the opinion of the employee's physician such change shall be without medical hazard to the employee.
- I. These provisions shall not be deemed to impose on the Board any obligation to grant or extend a leave of absence of any non-tenured employee beyond the end of the contract school year in which the leave is obtained.

Extended Leave of Absence continued

2. Child Rearing Leave

- A. In a case where an employee or spouse gives birth to a child or in a case of a defacto adoption, said employee shall have the right to apply for a leave without pay or any other benefits provided for in this Agreement.
- B. In a case where both husband and wife work in the school system, only one of said persons may be entitled to apply for such leave.
- C. Said leave shall be granted by the Board for a period of time as may be mutually agreed. In the absence of application for child rearing leave, the conditions pursuant to emergency disability leave shall prevail and control.
- D. Applications for child-rearing leave must be filed at least three (3) months before the anticipated birth of the child or custody date in the case of an adoption, where possible.
- E. Extensions beyond the one (1) year stipulations may be made at the sole discretion of the Board upon application by the employee at least three (3) months in advance of the expiration of the one (1) year period.
- F. Wherever possible, the Supervisor shall attempt to assign an employee to the same position he/she held at the time said leave commenced. If an employee who has been granted a child-rearing leave is permitted to return to the system at any time other than those stipulated herein, such employee may be assigned to any position decided by the Superintendent so long as such assignment is within the Board office or Superintendent's office.
- G. The dates of the commencement and termination of child-rearing leaves shall be in all cases subject to and based upon a finding and determination by the Board that such leaves will not substantially interfere with the administration of the school.

Extended Leave of Absence Continued

3. Other Leave Without Pay

- A. The Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent may grant a leave of absence without pay or any other benefits provided for in the Agreement to any tenured member for a period of one (1) school year for good and sufficient reason.
- B. Application for such leave shall be made to the Superintendent at least three (3) months before the end of the school year preceding the school year for which the leave is being sought. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Superintendent in cases of emergency.

SICK LEAVE RETIREMENT

Effective immediately, employees shall be eligible for retirement credit based on the following:

1. Ten consecutive years of service within the district.
2. Compensation based on one-half (1/2) day's pay, at the time of retirement for every accumulated unused sick day in excess of forty-five (45) days for Fiscal Year 1987-88 and changing to thirty (30) days after July 1, 1988.
3. Employees should, however, make known their intentions to retire to the administration in writing at the earliest possible date. This will allow for budget consideration and proper assistance with their retirement filing.

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement shall be effective July 1, 1987 and expire June 30, 1989.
- B. In witness whereof the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective presidents/representatives, attested to by their respective secretaries/representatives, and the corporate seals to be placed hereon, all on the day and year first above written.

CENTRAL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Lucie A. Fretwell
 By: Representative,
 Board Office

Date: March 4, 1988

Shirley D. Borth
 By: Representative,
 Superintendent's Office

Date: March 4, 1988

CENTRAL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Daniel S. Clay
 By: President,
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Date: MARCH 4, 1988

Allen B. Musler Jr
 By: Secretary,
 Board of Education

Date: MARCH 4, 1988

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<u>STEP</u>	<u>CATEGORY I</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
0	\$12,000.	\$11,000.
1	12,800.	11,800.
2	13,600.	12,600.
3	14,400.	13,400.
4	15,200.	14,200.
5	16,000.	15,000.
6	16,800.	15,800.
7	17,600.	16,600.
8	18,400.	17,400.
9	19,200.	18,200.
10	20,000.	19,000.
11	20,800.	19,800.
12	21,600.	20,600.
13	22,400.	21,400.
14	23,200.	22,200.
15	24,000.	23,000.
16	24,800.	23,800.
17	25,600.	24,600.

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0	\$12,600.	\$11,550.
1	13,440.	12,390.
2	14,280.	13,230.
3	15,120.	14,070.
4	15,960.	14,910.
5	16,800.	15,750.
6	17,640.	16,590.
7	18,480.	17,430.
8	19,320.	18,270.
9	20,160.	19,110.
10	21,000.	19,950.
11	21,840.	20,790.
12	22,680.	21,630.
13	23,520.	22,470.
14	24,360.	23,310.
15	25,200.	24,150.
16	26,040.	24,990.
17	26,880.	25,830.

Placement on guide for new employees as recommended by Superintendent and approved by the Board of Education, based on prior experience/skills required.

All employees shall receive longevity pay as follows:

At the completion of the 3rd consecutive year	\$100.
At the completion of the 6th consecutive year	150.
At the completion of the 9th consecutive year	200.
At the completion of the 12th consecutive year	200.
At the completion of the 14th consecutive year	150.
TOTAL	\$800.

The above figures will be changed in accordance with C.R.E.S.A. longevity rates whenever such changes occur in the C.R.E.S.A. rate.